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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 82-129

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: AFDC AND REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES PER FEDERAL ACTION
TRANSMITTALS AND REFUGEE AMENDMENTS OF 1982

REFERENCE: MPP SECTION 69-205, ALL-COUNTY LETTER 81-90, ALL-COUNTY LETTER 82-07

This letter is to inform you of changes to be made in the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) and the Cuban/Haitian Entrant Program (CHEP). These changes are necessary to implement Federal Action Transmittals (AT's) 82-1 and 82-2 issued by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) on May 20, 1982, and Federal AT 82-3 implementing program changes included in the Federal Refugee Amendments of 1982 passed by Congress and signed into law on October 25, 1982. Implementation of these program changes is effective immediately.

This letter rescinds ACL 81-90 (8/25/81) regarding refugees age 21 or over attending school. ACL 82-07 (1/27/82) regarding employment and training opportunities for refugees remains in effect.

- I. PROGRAM CHANGES UNDER FEDERAL ACTION TRANSMITTAL 82-2 AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE AMENDMENTS OF 1982 (P.L. 97-363) - AGE, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS (Applies to RCA and ECA Applicants/Recipients.)

AT 82-2 amends the current age limitations and the limitation on types of schooling or training qualifying the refugee/entrant for exemption.

A. New Age Limitations

In addition to those listed in MPP Sections 69-205.51a, d-j, persons who fall in the following new categories are exempt from the education and training requirements;

1. A person 16 or 17 years of age who is a full-time student in a secondary school 12th grade level or below (as defined by the age chapter of the AFDC regulations).

2. A person 18 years of age who is a full-time (as defined by the institution) student in a secondary school or in the equivalent level of vocational or technical training and who meets all the requirements listed in EAS Section 42-101.2.

B. Education/Training/Employment Requirements

Refugees/Entrants who are full-time students in a college or university program are not eligible for RCA or ECA.

Refugees/Entrants who are participating in training, even if under a CWD-approved employability plan, are not exempt from accepting employment.

C. Implementation Instructions

1. Counties are required to complete a full desk review of RCA/ECA cases to determine compliance with the new age limitation and education requirements. During this process, counties should take the opportunity to ensure that date of entry information has been submitted to the Department of Health Services (DHS) on each refugee/entrant in the case.
2. Those persons discontinued from RCA/ECA as a result of these changes must be evaluated for Medi-Cal eligibility in accordance with DHS All-County Welfare Directors Letter No. 82-59.
3. Notices of Action shall be issued in accordance with MPP Section 22-022.1 to RCA/ECA cases where the aid payment is to be discontinued or reduced as a result of the new federal requirements listed above. Requests for fair hearings are applicable on any issue. If a request for a fair hearing is filed prior to the effective date of the action, aid paid pending is appropriate.

II. PROGRAM CHANGES UNDER FEDERAL ACTION TRANSMITTALS 82-1 AND 82-3 IMPLEMENTING THE REFUGEE ASSISTANCE AMENDMENTS OF 1982 - VERIFICATION WITH REFUGEE'S/ ENTRANT'S SPONSOR OR VOLAG

AT 82-1 restates the existing requirement that counties contact the refugee's/entrant's sponsor or VOLAG and inform them that the refugee/entrant is applying for assistance, and inquire what assistance the sponsor or VOLAG is providing to the refugee/entrant. Additionally, a new provision requires the counties to contact the sponsor or VOLAG to determine whether the refugee/entrant has refused an offer of employment or voluntarily quit a job without good cause.

A. RCA/ECA Applicants and Recipients

As part of the regular process of determining and redetermining eligibility for RCA/ECA the CWD shall contact the refugee's/entrant's sponsor or VOLAG and request the following information:

1. What assistance, if any, is the sponsor or VOLAG providing to the refugee/entrant;
2. Whether the refugee/entrant applicant has refused an offer of employment or has voluntarily quit a job within 30-calendar days prior to the beginning date of aid; and,
3. Whether the refugee/entrant recipient has refused an offer of employment or has voluntarily quit a job.

NOTE: When the sponsor or VOLAG reports that the RCA/ECA applicant or recipient has refused an offer of employment or has voluntarily quit a job, the CWD shall make a good cause determination and take appropriate action in accordance with MPP Sections 69-205.7 and 69-213.5, except that Section 69-205.7g shall not apply.

B. Refugee/Entrant Applicants for AFDC and Medi-Cal

As part of the AFDC eligibility determination and redetermination process, the CWD shall continue to contact the refugee's/entrant's sponsor or VOLAG and request information regarding what assistance, if any, the sponsor or VOLAG is providing to the refugee/entrant. This shall be done in accordance with existing AFDC procedures for making collateral contacts. Please note that these instructions do not apply to aliens considered sponsored aliens for AFDC purposes (EAS Section 43-119).

This procedure shall also apply to Medi-Cal applicants during the initial eligibility determination. Contact with the sponsor/VOLAG during redetermination is not required for Medi-Cal recipients.

C. Implementation Instructions - RCA/ECA Only

1. At the time of eligibility determination and/or redetermination, the county shall request from the refugee/entrant, the name, address, and/or telephone number of his/her sponsor or VOLAG.
2. In cases where that information is unknown, or where the refugee/entrant does not have a sponsor, the CWD shall document this in the case file, and in so doing the CWD will have met the requirements of this section.
3. If sufficient information is gathered to contact the sponsor or VOLAG, the CWD shall obtain from the refugee/entrant a written consent for release of information prior to contacting the sponsor or VOLAG. Form 228 may be used for this purpose. The applicant/recipient shall be informed that failure to cooperate in the gathering of information shall be grounds for denial or discontinuance.

4. If the applicant/recipient refuses to identify their VOLAG/sponsor the county shall deny or discontinue aid (per MPP Section 40-157.3). If aid is to be denied or discontinued on this basis, Notice of Action procedures (in accordance with MPP Section 22-022.1) shall be applied.
5. A telephone call in the absence of a personal contact with the sponsor or VOLAG is sufficient to fulfill this requirement. A written statement by the sponsor or VOLAG is not required but is preferred.
6. The information received from the sponsor or VOLAG by means of personal contact, telephone call or written statement shall be made part of the case record, and should include the name and address of the resettlement agency, the refugee's/entrant's name, alien number, date of arrival in the U.S. or date of release from INS custody as applicable, place of initial resettlement, current address, and the name and address of the sponsor/VOLAG.
7. Should there be a discrepancy between the information provided by the refugee/entrant and that provided by the sponsor or VOLAG, the county should attempt to resolve the difference. In the absence of substantiating information from the sponsor or VOLAG, aid should be based on the information provided by the refugee/entrant.

For your information, we have enclosed an updated list of VOLAG addresses.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your Office of Refugee Services, CWD Operations Consultant at (916) 322-3141 or (415) 557-8588, as appropriate.

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